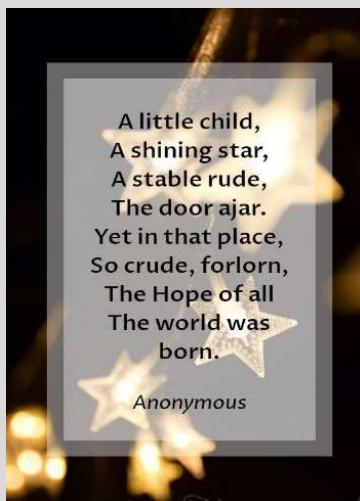


9th December 2022

Headteacher News

At long last it seems that Christmas can go ahead in schools this year! What a way to start our Christmas festivities with the Christmas Bazaar this week and a visit from Father Christmas! Thank you so much for supporting us especially the PTFA and those parents who helped ensure that it was a successful event for all. Next week we have the plays, Christingle Service, Christmas lunch and so much more. Please check the dates so you don't miss creating those special memories.

This week has been extra special with a visit from London artists called 'Arty Party'. With tremendous gratitude to a benefactor and special friend of our school, we were able to have Arty Party in all week creating an art installation representing our school vision of Peter walking on water and striving out of his comfort zone without being afraid. Every child in the school has been involved in the art work – and got rather messy too! They have loved it. This piece of extraordinary art work is outside our school hall where the children visit daily; a reminder of the importance of challenging themselves like Peter.



In true Hunton CE Primary fashion this has been a high expectation, busy and fun-filled term with all the children living up to our school motto striving for 'life in all its fullness'. Thank you for supporting school with what we do, from supporting our fundraisers, coming at weekends to develop our sensory garden, helping at the school disco, reading with the children, helping with homework including TT Rock Stars and Numbots, contributing costumes and props for performances and so much more. There is much that would not be possible without our wonderful parents and carers plus our PTFA, governors and our exceptional volunteer readers; we are most grateful. Please do take the time to sit down with a cup of tea and mince pie, and have a look at our Twitter feed: next week you will be able to see the children enjoying their Christmas Dinner and see photos of our wonderful Nativity performances and Christingle service.

What a wonderful first term we have had and there are so many exciting things to look forward to when we return to school in January for spring term. On behalf of all the staff at Hunton I thank you for your Christmas cards, warm wishes and generous gifts and hope you have a safe and relaxing Christmas holiday which is full of peace, joy and happiness.

Mrs Makey



Hunton Church of England Primary School Newsletter



Star of the Week

Every week, each class nominates a pupil as 'star of the week' for an outstanding achievement or learning that has taken place. Their achievement will be linked to the Christian value they show. Look out for it on their certificate.

A huge well done to the children who got awarded star of the week! Congratulations for all their hard work.

	w/e 2 nd Dec
Devas	Jack
Bannerman	Toby
Porteous	Scarlet
Borton	-

Chocolate competition results

1 st	Borton	15,155g
2 nd	Bannerman	9,854g
3 rd	Devas	9,542g
4 th	Porteous	9,326g

Well done to Borton who bought in an impressive amount of chocolate! They win a non-uniform day in the new year (date TBC).

Football

On Thursday 1st December the boys' football team played in a tournament with eleven other schools at Greenfields. The format of the tournament was two groups of 6, with Hunton qualifying for the semi-finals – another excellent achievement. Unfortunately, the boys got knocked out on penalties in the semi-finals and finished in 4th place.

Subsequently, the girls had a football tournament the day after, Friday 2nd December, and despite their lack of experience of these events, we were very impressed with how they applied themselves and worked as a team. The girls drew three of their four games. Well done girls!

Dates



Mondays 12 th December 3:20-4:20	Computer Coding Club
Tuesday 13 th December 3:20-4:20	Dance Club with Rachel from The Right Step Dance Company Parents to arrive at 4:10 to see
Wednesdays 14 th December 3:20-4:05	Science club
Thursday 15 th December 3:20-4:20	Arts & Crafts Club
Monday 12 th December 9:20am	Christingle at the Church – everyone welcome
Tuesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity 9:20am / 2pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Thursday 15 th December 2:45pm	Christmas carols, mulled wine & mince pies in the playground.
Friday 16 th December from 1:30pm	Open afternoon – come and have a look at your child's books
Wednesday 4 th January 2023	1 st day of term 3

Term dates for 2022/23

<https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/media/1unkaeit/term-dates-2022-23.pdf>

Milk

If you would like your child to receive a carton of milk each morning from September, please register them on the [Cool Milk website](#).



The K.M have some competitions they are running: <https://kmcharityteam.co.uk/competitions/> These include a STEM, cookery and a writing/drawing challenge.

Attendance

Together with yourselves we are sure that you recognise that good attendance enables good learning and progress. It is important that your child is at school on time, ready for learning. Learning does start straight away and being late in class can mean that your child misses the essential start of a lesson and then finds it hard to engage.

In order to ensure that the children have a settled start to the day, we would ask all parents to make sure that their children arrive before their start times.

Borton and Porteous – 8:40am

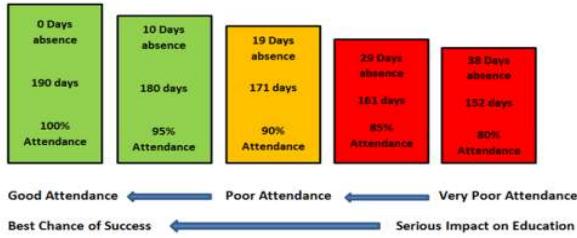
Bannerman and Devas – 8:45am

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time (180-190 days a year)

There are **365 days** in a year and **190 days** in a school year.

This leaves 175 days for holidays, shopping, birthday treats and non-urgent medical appointments.



For the past 2 weeks these were the class attendance totals:

Devas 86.7%

Bannerman 88.8%

Porteous 93.8%

Borton 92.1%

Well done to Porteous who achieved the highest attendance for 28th November 2022 – 9th December 2022.

Sky Dive

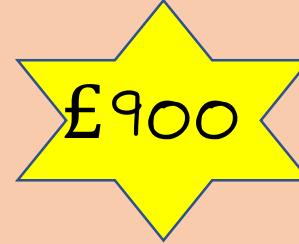
Thank you ever so much to Layla whose daughter Evie is in Devas. She was booked in to do a Sky Dive and she chose to raise donations for our school! We know that you haven't actually done the jump yet, but just the fact that you chose us as the beneficiary is such an honour, and we are truly grateful.



PTFA News & Events
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Thank you to everyone who has donated either chocolate, bottles, gifts or their time to make our fayre a massive success.

We are so pleased to say that we raised



which is an amazing amount for our little school!

Each class also had their own stall and between them they raised another £210!

Thank you to all our amazing parents who gave up their afternoon to help out on the stalls, ensuring that we had enough helpers to run all the stalls we wanted and also another massive thank you to those of you who stayed behind afterwards to help tidy up. We had a record amount of helpers and got it all cleared away in quick time!

It was great to be able to hold the Christmas fayre again as the last one was in 2019, so the majority of our families have never experienced a Hunton school christmas fayre before and I am sure you will agree, it was a lovely afternoon.



So much work goes on behind the scenes and on the day to ensure that these events can happen and our next event is a Curry & Quiz night on Saturday 25th February. More details will follow in the new year but in the meantime please mark the date in your diary. Everyone who came to the last one had a great evening.